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PINKLEY (with his personality profile): "One of the most scholarly men who ever wore a military uniform has emerged from retirement, as an outgrowth of the Cuban invasion. He is tonight's news personality, General Maxwell Davenport Taylor, who was assigned by President Kennedy to make a special study that supposedly includes all angles of the Cuban affair. Officially, General Taylor is to undertake a special study of the United States ability to carry out what is called non-conventional warfare. This means guerrilla warfare of the type that brought Fidel Castro into power in Cuba, and the kind which is most likely to bring Castro's downfall.

"Taylor, who once was in command of United Nations operations in Korea, has long charged that the United States is ill-prepared to deal with limited scale operation. Taylor's new assignment brought speculation that he may be in line to succeed Allen Dulles as head of the super secret CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY that is credited—or blamed—for the Cuban disaster. There is also speculation that the retired General will be placed in charge of a new effort aimed at toppling the communist supported Castro regime just off our southeast doorstep. General Taylor hasn't had any comment on this new job, but since his retirement from military service three years ago, he has been outspoken in his criticism of United States military policy. He rounded up his criticism in a book titled 'The Uncertain Trumpet.' In it, Taylor charged that the government budget makers had actually become the military strategists of this country, and that this policy could lead to disaster. He declared that the government military budget should be increased by at least 10 billion dollars a year. He contended that there must be much more preparation for fighting limited wars, and he urged that the Joint Chiefs of Staff be replaced by a single defense chief. These are just some of the ideas of this man who now is assigned to a special study of military needs against the background of a liberation move that failed in Cuba.

"Maxwell Davenport Taylor is the graying, but still youthful looking man of 59. He was born in a small community in Missouri, the son of a lawyer. The family moved to Kansas City when he was a small boy, and there young Taylor grew up. He graduated from high school at 15, won an appointment to the United States Military Academy but had to wait a year to reach the minimum age for entrance. He graduated fourth in his class in 1922 and was picked by his classmates as their most learned member. He was especially adept at mastering foreign languages. Taylor returned to the West Point campus five years after graduation to spend the years as an instructor in languages. Maxwell Taylor first studied the technique of limited hit and run warfare when he joined a paratrooper outfit before World War II. During the war he led paratroop units and

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